

Annual State Convention Successful

Alabama's Future Farmers completed this year one of the most successful annual conventions in the history of their association. This was their twentieth annual convention.

The cattle judging was held the first afternoon of the convention. There were 42 beef cattle judging teams and 46 dairy judging teams that participated. The FFA team from the Riverton chapter won first place in the beef cattle judging and the team from Jemison won first in dairy judging. These two teams will represent Alabama in the National Judging Contest this fall.

The Public Speaking contest was won by Dow B. Erwin of the Glencoe chapter. The title of his speech was "Water Conservation." The Sidney Lanier FFA quartet was judged the state winner at the same time.

There were 203 State Farmer Degrees conferred during the session, which is the largest number in the history of the association.

The string band contest was won by the Cullman chapter; radio program demonstration by the Cullman chapter, and the parliamentary procedure demonstration by the Riverton chapter.

A new feature was added to the convention this year. This feature was a talent show which was directed by H. O. Coffey, assistant managing editor, *The Progressive Farmer*. The talent was selected from various FFA and FHA chapters over the state to make up the full night's program. The entertainment consisted of string bands, stunts, ensembles and many others.

Elton Pierce of the Tanner Williams chapter of FFA, was selected to head Alabama's 10,500 members, during their Twentieth Annual Convention that ended Saturday, June 11.

Elton succeeds Nick Lindsay of the Orrville chapter. He was elected along with a complete new slate of officers during the convention.

Other new officers were Harvey Tollison, Pell City, Vice-President; W. M.

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Special Convention Train

DATES FOR DISTRICT DAIRY SHOWS

Place	Date
Fayette.....	Aug. 25-26
Gadsden.....	Sept. 13-14
Decatur.....	Sept. 13-14
Dadeville.....	Sept. 16-17
Mobile.....	Sept. 15-16
Montgomery.....	Sept. 19-20
Demopolis.....	Sept. 22-23
Birmingham (State Show)....	Oct. 3- 8

FFA BANDS TO PLAY

Two FFA bands and one quartet have been invited to furnish music at the Annual Farm Bureau meeting in Auburn. The bands are from the Flomaton and Straughn chapters. The quartet is the Sidney Lanier quartet.

Alabama, Georgia, and Florida Delegations to Ride

A special FFA National Convention train will take the FFA delegations to Kansas City from Alabama, Florida and Georgia this year. Hotel and train reservations have been made to take care of 100 from Alabama.

The special train will be on the L & N and FFA members may board it anywhere from Mobile through Montgomery, Birmingham and all points north. It is scheduled to leave Alabama Sunday, October 9th and will return the following Sunday, October 16th.

The delegations have been invited to stop over in Nashville Saturday night the

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Pictured above is President Truman at the White House with Buster McLain, Mellow Valley, Alabama FFA member and Miss Blevyn Hathcock of Oakboro, N. C. (See cover picture write up, page 2).

CONVENTION

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Espy, Jr., Headland, Secretary; William Ragsdale, Camp Hill, Treasurer, and Homer Vinson, Red Bay, Reporter. The new officers were officially installed during the closing sessions of the convention Saturday, 11th.

A high light of Friday night's session was an address by Doyle Conner, Starke, Florida, National FFA President. Another high light of the session was the awarding of State Star Farmer Degrees to five outstanding members. The Star Future Farmer of Alabama for 1949 was Albert W. Compton, Jr. of the Sweet Water chapter, Marengo County. A cash award of \$100 went with this honor. District Star Farmer winners were Ollie W. Scott, Cullman; B. L. Roberson, Mt. Hope; William Faulkner, Montgomery and James Knight, Beauregard.

Honorary State Farmer Degrees were conferred upon the following men for their outstanding service to the FFA program during the Friday night session: W. C. Greenway, Atlanta, Georgia; Paul B. Fuller, Montgomery, Alabama; Boyd H. Leyburn, Montgomery, Alabama; Charles P. McMeans, Lexington, Alabama; W. T. Bennett, Savannah, Georgia; Hurst Mauldin, Birmingham, Alabama; F. H. Echols, Greenville, Alabama; W. H. Walker, Florence, Alabama and J. L. Lawson, Auburn, Alabama.

The following five local FFA advisers also received the Honorary State Farmer Degree: T. W. Gandy, Beauregard; J. H. Staggers, Orrville; R. J. Pirkle, Alexandria; W. M. Lewis, Midland City and W. J. Thompson, Corner.

HATTON MEMBERS ATTEND "MULE DAY"

Several FFA boys along with their adviser attended the Annual Mule Day Show in Columbia, Tennessee. The group left Hatton on a chartered Red Bay bus in the early morning and arrived in Columbia by 10 a.m. The "float," which lasted for an hour, was the high light of the occasion.

The group returned via the famous (former) Milky Way Farm and there observed several important pointers on beef cattle and the dairy business. They watched with interest the milking of some 150 Holstein cows, one of which, they were told produced 8-10 gallons per day. It was also learned that the milk produced there was shipped to White-Way Milk Plant, Decatur.

From the dairy barn they went to the beef barn which housed over 700 head of registered Herefords. The group agreed that the prize registered Whiteface male, valued at \$30,000, was the best ever observed.



Pictured above is the State and the Tri-State winning FFA quartet. They are from the Sidney Lanier Chapter. From left to right are William Faulkner, Fred Stephens, Ernest Hawk and Jim Barrenburgge.

The State finals were won during the convention held at Auburn during June. The Tri-State elimination in which they won first place was held at Camp O'Leno, Florida August 18th. Other states participating were Florida and Georgia.

COVER PICTURE

Buster McLain, Cragford, Alabama, an outstanding FFA member of the Mellow Valley Chapter is pictured with President Truman at the White House. Buster was the first prize winner in the 1948-49 Rural Life Contest sponsored by SOUTHERN AGRICULTURIST. With him, is Miss Blevyn Hathcock, 2nd prize winner of Oakboro, N. C.

In addition to the expense-paid trip to New York and Washington, the two winners received \$100 and \$50 respectively for their prize winning essay.

Buster told President Truman in a White House meeting that Alabama would be the nation's leading livestock producing state in 20 years.

Mr. Truman dissented on the grounds his home state of Missouri was making progress in cattle raising. And Sen. Estes Kefauver, of Tennessee, said the Volunteer State was doing pretty well, too.

But Alabama's Sen. John J. Sparkman backed up Buster and stated that, at the rate Alabama has developed as a livestock state in recent years, it should go ahead of Texas in the 20 year period of Buster's forecast.

After the 15-minute session with Mr. Truman at the White House, Buster remarked that "the president certainly knows his agriculture."

(Buster was listed on the official White House visitor's calendar as a resident of Cragford, Ala. But he insisted he was really from Mellow Valley, a rural community seven miles away. He graduated from Mellow Valley High School last month and thinks he will go to Alabama Polytechnic Institute this Fall).

The President agreed with his young visitors that the South needs more diversified farming. And he told senators it was very encouraging to meet youngsters like Buster and Miss Hathcock who are so familiar with agricultural problems and ambitious enough to try to do something to help solve these programs.

Young McLain's essay, "Practical Aid to the Southern Farmer," was judged best of several thousand entries from 15 states.



DOW B. ERWIN
Glencoe

STATE SPEAKING WINNER

Dow B. Erwin of the Glencoe Chapter won first place in the State FFA Public Speaking Contest. The final elimination was held during the annual convention in June.

Dow spoke in the Tri-State elimination August 18th at Camp O'Leno, Florida. He placed second with Georgia first and Florida third.

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Now that schools are opening every chapter should have one or more good FFA quartets. It affords good wholesome entertainment for those who sing as well as the ones who listen to them.

Why not include in every local FFA activity program a goal for one or more quartets.

FFA Chapter Activities

By J. L. PARRISH
Adviser, Geneva FFA

Leadership training plays a major part in the activities of the Geneva FFA chapter at Geneva, Alabama. There are sixty-two members in the chapter and each member has a definite and important part in carrying on the activities of the chapter.

The training begins with the election of chapter officers in the spring (April) before school closes. The newly elected officers are given an officers training course during the summer vacation months. Each officer studies to become familiar with the duties and responsibilities of his office. Then tentative objectives are made and plans for chapter activities are drawn up as a part of this training course. The officers name a chairman for each activity. The chairman then appoints his committee selecting the members who will be most interested in that particular activity. Each member is asked to serve on one or more activity projects and during the course of the year is given an opportunity to make a real contribution to the chapter. Special committees are named as needed throughout the year.

Current Undertakings

Some of the present activities of the Geneva chapter are:

1. Operating a chapter owned bus on a daily eighty-nine mile county school bus route.

The bus committee is responsible for the operation, care, and repairs of the bus. The boys who serve on this committee get actual experience and training in auto mechanics and are successful in doing much of the repair work. This activity proves a source of income for the chapter and provides a means of transportation for project trips and educational tours.

2. Operating a school candy and ice cream store.

The committee responsible for the store is a most active one. This provides the chapter's main source of income as well as giving opportunity for experience in buying, selling, banking, and book-keeping.

3. Carrying as a project a pure bred Hereford bull which is kept on the campus.

The chapter received the bull last October as an award from the Sears Roebuck Foundation. The chapter with its own labor and expense has constructed a barn and has begun a pasture demonstration. The committee on community service finds that this offers them many opportunities for their activities.

4. Planned social activities.

Each year the social committee plans two banquets in which much interest is always shown — the Christmas banquet to which their girl friends are invited and the banquet for their parents at the close of school. Members of the chapter prepare and serve the food for these events and are wholly responsible for the programs. The chapter purchased a record player which is enjoyed on these occasions, as well as at chapter meetings.

5. Encouraging scholarship.

A chapter score card is used to determine which member receives the annual FFA scholarship medal. Each member is rated as to supervised farming practices, scholarship, FFA activities and extra activities.

The activities mentioned are naturally most important to the chapter as a local group. Other activities which offer many opportunities in leadership training are: membership in a county association and participation in state and national contests. Each year the chapter makes an effort to participate in the public speaking, parliamentary procedure, quartet, and judging contests. Also much valuable training is received from attending our state convention.



Above is the Geneva FFA Chapter bus arriving at school. 130 students are transported to and from school each day on this bus.

Total Membership 10,527

(Where Does Your Chapter Rank?)

- | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Northport 128 | 113. Marbury 46 |
| 2. Butler 109 | 114. Rehobeth 46 |
| 3. Cullman 94 | 115. Russellville 46 |
| 4. West Point 93 | 116. Camp Hill 45 |
| 5. Heflin 91 | 117. Clayton 45 |
| 6. Jemison 87 | 118. Enterprise 45 |
| 7. Straughn 84 | 119. Blountsville 44 |
| 8. Susan Moore 83 | 120. Clio 44 |
| 9. Geraldine 80 | 121. Eva 44 |
| 10. Uriah 80 | 122. Hayneville 44 |
| 11. Albertville 78 | 123. Red Bay 44 |
| 12. Lexington 76 | 124. Red Level 44 |
| 13. Gordo 74 | 125. Rockford 44 |
| 14. Vina 73 | 126. York 44 |
| 15. Evergreen 72 | 127. Hartford 43 |
| 16. Fairhope 71 | 128. Louisville 43 |
| 17. Fort Payne 71 | 129. Samson 43 |
| 18. Leighton 70 | 130. Smith's Station 43 |
| 19. Hanceville 69 | 131. Brundidge 42 |
| 20. Pell City 69 | 132. Carbon Hill 42 |
| 21. Winfield 69 | 133. Cold Springs 42 |
| 22. Crossville 68 | 134. Jacksonville 42 |
| 23. Millport 68 | 135. McAdory 42 |
| 24. Ashland 67 | 136. Pine Hill 42 |
| 25. Citronelle 67 | 137. Ramer 42 |
| 26. Glencoe 67 | 138. Abbeville 41 |
| 27. Centre 66 | 139. Arley 41 |
| 28. Sidney Lanier 66 | 140. Holtville 41 |
| 29. Sulligent 65 | 141. Ohatchee 41 |
| 30. Vernon 65 | 142. Stevenson 41 |
| 31. West Limestone 65 | 143. Beauregard 40 |
| 32. Greensboro 64 | 144. Haleyville 40 |
| 33. Riverton 64 | 145. Odenville 40 |
| 34. Robertsdale 64 | 146. Collinsville 39 |
| 35. Asheville 63 | 147. Gaylesville 39 |
| 36. Hackleburg 63 | 148. New Brockton 39 |
| 37. Arab 62 | 149. Aliceville 38 |
| 38. Brookwood 62 | 150. Dozier 38 |
| 39. Grove Hill 62 | 151. Midland City 38 |
| 40. Montevallo 62 | 152. Ozark 38 |
| 41. Fayette 61 | 153. Coffeeville 37 |
| 42. Geneva 61 | 154. East Limestone 37 |
| 43. Rogersville 61 | 155. Milltown 37 |
| 44. Eutaw 60 | 156. Oneonta 37 |
| 45. Sardis 60 | 157. Orrville 37 |
| 46. Winterboro 60 | 158. Scottsboro 37 |
| 47. Clanton 59 | 159. Southside 37 |
| 48. Corner 59 | 160. Spring Garden 37 |
| 49. Georgiana 59 | 161. Valley Head 37 |
| 50. Belgreen 58 | 162. Grand Bay 36 |
| 51. Foley 58 | 163. Guin 36 |
| 52. B. B. Comer 57 | 164. Headland 36 |
| 53. Brilliant 57 | 165. Bear Creek 35 |
| 54. Cedar Bluff 57 | 166. Beatrice 35 |
| 55. Grant 57 | 167. Leroy 35 |
| 56. Millerville 57 | 168. Lineville 35 |
| 57. Repton 57 | 169. Tanner 35 |
| 58. Atmore 56 | 170. Tuskegee 35 |
| 59. Greenville 56 | 171. Waterloo 35 |
| 60. Livingston 56 | 172. Ashford 34 |
| 61. Cherokee 55 | 173. Autaugaville 34 |
| 62. Hartselle 55 | 174. Oakman 34 |
| 63. Holly Pond 55 | 175. Lynn 33 |
| 64. Kinston 55 | 176. Newville 33 |
| 65. Isabella 54 | 177. Palmetto 33 |
| 66. Thomasville 54 | 178. Rawls 33 |
| 67. Weogufka 54 | 179. Reeltown 33 |
| 68. Auburn 53 | 180. Goshen 32 |
| 69. Billingsley 53 | 181. Pisgah 32 |
| 70. Castleberry 53 | 182. Suttle 32 |
| 71. Excel 53 | 183. Berry 31 |
| 72. Central 52 | 184. Woodland 31 |
| 73. Luverne 52 | 185. Mount Hope 30 |
| 74. Sand Rock 52 | 186. Rogers 30 |
| 75. Walnut Grove 52 | 187. Vincent 30 |
| 76. Cotaco 51 | 188. Addison 29 |
| 77. Gorgas 51 | 189. Beulah 29 |
| 78. Hubbertville 51 | 190. Opp 29 |
| 79. Liberty 51 | 191. Prattville 29 |
| 80. Silas 51 | 192. Ranburne 29 |
| 81. Sweet Water 51 | 193. Town Creek 29 |
| 82. Wetumpka 51 | 194. Athens 28 |
| 83. Bay Minette 50 | 195. Danville 28 |
| 84. Brantley 50 | 196. Five Points 28 |
| 85. Columbia 50 | 197. Fort Deposit 28 |
| 86. Curry 50 | 198. Fyffe 28 |
| 87. Fairview 50 | 199. Moulton 28 |
| 88. Frisco City 50 | 200. Pine Apple 28 |
| 89. Jackson 50 | 201. Akron 27 |
| 90. McKenzie 50 | 202. Bakerhill 26 |
| 91. Reform 50 | 203. New Site 26 |
| 92. Carrollton 49 | 204. Plantersville 26 |
| 93. Chatom 49 | 205. White Plains 26 |
| 94. Hamilton 49 | 206. Goodwater 26 |
| 95. Baker 48 | 207. Lyeffion 25 |
| 96. Columbiana 48 | 208. Moundville 25 |
| 97. Elba 48 | 209. Carlowville 24 |
| 98. Flomaton 48 | 210. Cottonwood 24 |
| 99. New Market 48 | 211. Falkville 24 |
| 100. Notasulga 48 | 212. Maplesville 23 |
| 101. Slocumb 48 | 213. Mellow Valley 23 |
| 102. Florala 47 | 214. Paint Rock |
| 103. Hayden 47 | Valley 23 |
| 104. Lincoln 47 | 215. Alexandria 22 |
| 105. Marion 47 | 216. Blue Springs 22 |
| 106. Millry 47 | 217. Tanner-Williams 22 |
| 107. Phil Campbell 47 | 218. New Hope 21 |
| 108. Camden 46 | 219. Eclectic 20 |
| 109. Centreville 46 | 220. Wadley 20 |
| 110. East Brewton 46 | 221. Munford 19 |
| 111. Hatton 46 | 222. Double Springs 16 |
| 112. Highland Home 46 | 223. Kennedy 10 |



BRAXTON HOCUTT

FAYETTE MEMBER WINS ELECTRIFICATION AWARD

Braxton Hocutt of the Fayette chapter is now competing with winners from other states in the National Farm and Home Electrification contest. Braxton was awarded first place in the state contest held at Auburn during the FFA convention.

Braxton started working with electricity in his home early in 1947 and has continued throughout his three years in Vocational Agriculture at Fayette High.

Included in the work done by Braxton is the rewiring of his home with modern electrical appliances, wiring his barn, garage, shop, brooder house, and water pump, and many other smaller jobs. Outside the home Braxton wired the Berry Grammar School and Berry School Cafeteria with the aid of his father. Alone Braxton completely wired two other homes in the area and has serviced all electrical equipment in the Vocational Farm Shop. During his spare time he has made and repaired much equipment and has completely established a modern farm shop.

In addition to his electrification work, Braxton has maintained an outstanding farm project program for which he was awarded the State Farmer Degree. From these projects Braxton cleared more than \$700.00 for the first two years in Agriculture. Braxton's work is being done under the supervision of Robert L. Harwell, Vocational Agriculture instructor.



HITCH YOUR WAGON TO A STAR

Plan a chapter activity program that will be challenging to all members. Set the goals high enough to encourage everyone to work hard. Plan for all members to enter and participate in some of the state sponsored contests and awards.

SPECIAL CONVENTION TRAIN

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15th and be the guests of Radio Station WSM and *The Southern Agriculturist* magazine to attend the "Grand Ole Opera."

The National Convention will begin Monday, October 10th and will end Thursday night, October 13th. The American Royal Livestock Show will also be held in Kansas City during this same week and the boys will have a chance to attend this great show on Friday and Saturday. They will have an opportunity to see some of the finest beef cattle in the country at that time. They will also see the judging of livestock and livestock products by FFA and other teams. Alabama's FFA team to participate in this judging contest will be from the River-ton Chapter.

This is a real opportunity for FFA members and advisers to attend the National Convention. You may never have this same opportunity again and for that reason we should like to urge any of you who want to go along to have your adviser write the Executive Secretary immediately for your reservation. Reservations can be accepted for only 100. For this reason they will be accepted on a "first come, first served" basis.

If you don't believe that this will be one of the most profitable and enjoyable weeks that you will have the opportunity of spending just read what some of the boys who attended the convention last year had to say about it.

S. J. Noah, Glencoe chapter said: "I just can't find words that are meaningful enough to express the wonderful time I had at the convention. One thing for sure, it was the happiest and most enjoyable week of my life. I know without a doubt that the boys and men that were with me were the finest in the world. I am looking forward to going back next year."

Richard McConnell, Beauregard chapter said: "My trip to the convention was one of the most interesting weeks of my life. I wish that more Alabama FFA members could attend the National Convention each year in order to better learn what FFA really means to the entire nation."

R. C. Frederick, FFA adviser, Straughn chapter and director of Alabama string band said: "I was very much impressed with the reception given us at the convention by the national officers as well as the general public. The trip was indeed enjoyable, educational and inspirational. I shall never forget the kindness and courtesy shown us individually by our state advisers. I sincerely hope more FFA members from Alabama can attend next year."



Southern RFD Winners

Pictured above are the two top winners and sponsor of the Southern RFD Farm Youth Contest. Left, Carolyn Wright, who was placed first among 4-H Club members. Miss Wright is 17 years old and from Montgomery County. She plans to enter Auburn in September to study Home Ec.

The jolly little man in the center is Crawford Roquemore, who did a splendid job of sponsoring the Southern RFD Contest for Farm Youth.

The young man on the right is H. S. Bence, Jr., 15 year old F.F.A. member from Mellow Valley High School, who won first place among the F.H.A. and F.F.A. members in Alabama.

Carolyn and H. S. appeared on the Southern RFD program, which is heard every week day over station WJMM, Montgomery at 6 o'clock in the morning. On this program they read their essay on, "What My Club Program Has Meant To Me." A check for \$100 was presented to each by the Union Stock Yard and the Capitol Stock Yard of Montgomery. They also received \$50 each expense money.

H. S. states he enjoyed the trip very much and plans to use the money to increase his supervised farming program in vocational agriculture.

Other FFA winners are as follows: Morris Allred, Rt. 2, Lincoln, Talladega County FFA; John L. Conkle, Collbran, DeKalb County; Kent Davis, Dozier, Crenshaw County; Harry Gartman, Fernbank, Lamar County; Robert Earl Hayes, McKenzie, Butler County; Hubert Henderson, Greenville, Butler County; Larry Ledlow, Highland Home, Crenshaw County; Buster McLain, Cragford, Clay County; Maston Mims, Uria, Monroe County; Lloyd Mims, Rt. 5, Clanton, Chilton County; Brice Moore, Marion Junction, Dallas County, Orrville FFA; Tommy Morton, Cropwell, St. Clair

County; Paul Nichols, Ward, Sumter County; S. J. Noah, Glencoe, Etowah County; Ollie W. Scott, Vinemont, Cullman County and James Wise, Samson, Geneva County.

FFA Memberships By States

Listed below are the FFA memberships by states and the order in which they rank. It will be noticed that Alabama has the seventh largest number of members. Will it be possible for Alabama to pass Arkansas and Georgia next year?

1. Texas	24,205
2. North Carolina	16,218
3. Illinois	15,191
4. Tennessee	12,972
5. Georgia	12,053
6. Arkansas	10,818
7. Alabama	10,527
8. Wisconsin	10,423
9. Oklahoma	10,159
10. California	10,002
11. Missouri	9,468
12. Kentucky	8,900
13. Pennsylvania	8,857
14. Mississippi	8,500
15. Michigan	7,810
16. Ohio	7,646
17. Virginia	7,356
18. Louisiana	6,543
19. New York	6,316
20. Florida	6,115
21. Iowa	6,007
22. South Carolina	5,962
23. Minnesota	5,581
24. Kansas	5,456
25. Washington	4,889
26. Indiana	4,366
27. Puerto Rico	4,342
28. West Virginia	4,055
29. Nebraska	3,676
30. Utah	3,029
31. Oregon	2,851
32. Idaho	2,230
33. Colorado	1,645
34. Maryland	1,640
35. South Dakota	1,594
36. North Dakota	1,576
37. Montana	1,560
38. New Mexico	1,436
39. Hawaii	1,277
40. Maine	1,159
41. Massachusetts	935
42. Wyoming	933
43. New Jersey	801
44. Arizona	765
45. Vermont	579
46. Delaware	520
47. Connecticut	400
48. Nevada	278
49. New Hampshire	243
50. Rhode Island	82

Want to know what your neighboring chapter has been doing? You may read about them in the Chapter FFA News section.



Members of the Southside FFA Chapter are making good progress with three animal projects they started recently. Top picture is Robert Fuhrman, FFA president, with the one-year old Duroc Jersey gilt presented the chapter by Sears Roebuck Company. The 200-pound gilt was bought in the long-range Sears program to start a pig chain and thereby promote better stock. Middle photo shows Ed Routon, Southside, inspecting the Hereford bull also given the chapter through the Sears program. The bull is one of 51 presented to various chapters over the state by Sears Roebuck Foundation. The animal is kept in Routon's pasture at his Southside farm. In the lower picture is "Beautena," a six-month old Jersey calf, a present of the Checkerboard Feed Store in Gadsden, as he gets the once over from Robert and H. H. Martin, vocational agriculture teacher at Southside. The boys are feeding this calf with feed furnished by the Checkerboard Store. The company also is furnishing feed for the pig in a program sponsored by the Purina Company for the promotion of better stock on Alabama farms.

State FFA Activity Program 1949-50

SUPERVISED FARMING

Goal No. 1. All members progressing toward their individual goals through a definite farming program.

Ways and Means.

a. Encourage all members to make definite plans toward their goals and purposes.

b. Encourage boys to carry continuous, well-rounded programs.

c. Keep accurate records of all projects.

d. Conduct chapter-planned and sponsored project tours for the purpose of stimulating interest and projecting new ideas.

Goal No. 2. All members making contribution to home and community life through their farming programs:

Ways and Means.

a. Encourage members to plan and carry out home ground and home improvement projects.

b. Encourage over-all farm planning with parents (such as drainage and terracing program, location of permanent crops, removing hedgerows to make larger fields, and proper fencing).

c. Provide sufficient food and feed crops for home needs (such as home orchard, garden, truck patches, hay, grazing and grain crops, etc.).

d. Encourage a complete shop program for community observance through farming programs.

COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES

Goal No. 1. All chapters cooperate with other groups with similar purposes for community improvement:

Ways and Means.

a. Determine the program or programs that the chapter can aid most.

b. Determine the place of the FFA in the local program and assign committees for carrying it out (such as livestock shows, FHA programs, school clean-up campaign, 100 bushel corn programs, etc.).

Goal No. 2. Every chapter participate in forestry program:

Ways and Means.

a. Plant or maintain demonstration plot.

b. Encourage individual members to plant pine seedlings where there is a need.

c. Promote forest fire control and prevention (such as hold forest fire prevention week, chapel program, paint signs,

radio programs, news articles, have fire lanes around woods, etc.).

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Goal No. 1. Each chapter provide one or more community services:

Ways and Means.

a. Encourage such activities as safety campaigns, rat control, fly and mosquito control, ant control, post treating, seed treating, canning plant, etc.

Goal No. 2. All chapters and members conserve resources:

Ways and Means.

a. Chapter programs on need of conservation in the community.

b. Present conservation program to other groups.

LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

Goal No. 1. Each chapter hold one or more leadership schools:

Ways and Means.

a. Plan program early in the year and conduct training program for chapter officers and members.

b. Follow Official Manual in setting up training program.

Goal No. 2. Each chapter develop activity program:

Ways and Means.

a. Committee submit program to chapter for adoption during the first month of school.

b. Committee to be responsible for each objective.

c. Post copy of program on bulletin board.

d. Provide each member with copy of the program for his notebook.

e. Each boy on some committee.

Goal No. 3. Each chapter advance members as they qualify:

Ways and Means.

a. Show Green Hands how to make State Farmers.

b. Raise Green Hands to Chapter Farmers.

c. Have one or more State Farmer applicants.

d. Recommend boys eligible for American Farmer Degree.

e. Elect one or more honorary members.

f. Use degree ceremonies in Official Manual.

g. Encourage boys to understand and work toward next highest degree.

Goal No. 4. Each chapter use state contests to provide leadership opportunities for all members:

Ways and Means.

a. Encourage all boys to enter one or more state-sponsored contest.

Goal No. 5. 11,000 membership for the year:

Ways and Means.

a. Encourage all ag. boys to belong to FFA.

b. Encourage out-of-ag. FFA members to continue their membership for three years.

Goal No. 6. Each chapter be represented at the State Convention:

Ways and Means.

a. Provide ways and means for sending delegates and advisers to State Convention.

Goal No. 7. All state officers, American Farmer applicants and as many advisers and members attend National Convention as possible:

Ways and Means.

a. State Association to send state officers.

b. Local chapters send American Farmer applicants.

Goal No. 8. Every chapter with a definite public relations program in operation:

Ways and Means.

a. Plan and carry out a well-rounded public relations program (such as reporting accomplishments to State office, news articles in local papers, state papers and magazines, radio programs, chapel programs, news letters, fairs, demonstrations, taking pictures, etc.).

Goal No. 9. Each chapter endeavor to develop state officer material:

Ways and Means.

a. Provide opportunities for all boys to develop leadership abilities.

b. Select outstanding boys for specific training.

c. Recommend only those boys who have demonstrated ability.

EARNING AND SAVINGS

Goal No. 1. Every chapter financially sound:

Ways and Means.

a. Operate on chapter budget.

b. Have FFA bank account.

c. Treasurer to use Official Treasurer's book.

d. Records to be kept accurate.

e. Appoint chapter auditing committee.

Goal No. 2. All members practice a THRIFT plan:

Ways and Means.

a. Chapter sponsor programs on thrift plans.

b. Each member set up a thrift budget.

c. Teach members simple banking.

CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

Goal No. 1. All chapters conduct meetings using opening and closing ceremonies according to proper parliamentary procedure:

Ways and Means.

a. Provide training in parliamentary procedure.

Goal No. 2. Each chapter provide standard equipment:

Ways and Means.

a. Chapter to furnish all needed supplies such as manuals, Secretary's and Treasurer's book, etc.

SCHOLARSHIP

Goal No. 1. All members strive to improve their general scholastic rating:

Ways and Means.

a. Chapter set up plan for recognizing improvement by special awards.

RECREATION

Goal No. 1. Develop greater appreciation and enjoyment of music by all members:

Ways and Means.

a. Promote participation in musical activities such as quartet, string band, group singing, glee club, etc.

b. Promote enjoyment of music through listening to music, taking music, chapter programs devoted to understanding music, etc.

Goal No. 2. All chapters promote greater appreciation for good reading:

Ways and Means.

a. Provide an FFA library.

b. Encourage use of other library facilities.

c. Magazines.

d. Encourage exchange of books among members.

Goal No. 3. Encourage appreciation and participation in athletic activities:

Ways and Means.

a. Encourage boys to participate in high school athletics and physical education programs.

Goal No. 4. Each chapter have well-rounded social program that will promote group enjoyment and develop social abilities:

Ways and Means.

a. Plan and have Mother-Daughter, Father-Son banquet or party.

b. Have planned local and county socials with the FHA.

c. Plan camping or fishing trips.

10 Alabama Members To Receive Highest Award

Ten Future Farmers of America members from Alabama have been recommended to receive the organization's highest degree, that of American Farmer, at the twenty-second National Convention of F.F.A. in Kansas City, Mo., next October.

The Board of Trustees and Advisory Council of the national organization have reviewed the Alabama applications and

will recommend to the delegates at the convention that the ten boys receive the coveted degree. Approval by the Board of Trustees usually is tantamount to election by the delegates. The ten Alabamians named are as follows:

Horis G. Beason, Ashville; John Thomas Berry, Riverton; Phillip Daniel Brown, Evergreen; Billy Gene Davis, Lexington; John W. Hartley, Sidney Lanier; Matt D. Holmes II, Fort Deposit; Irvin E. Koon, Smith Station; Murry D. Langford, Straughn; Bobby Ralph Mims, Billingsley, and Dwight Harold Tilley, Cullman.

Nationally, the F.F.A. Board of Trustees voted to recommend that 237 farm boys receive the American Farmer degree, the largest number that has been recommended in the 21-year history of the organization. Presentation of the degrees will take place in the Municipal Auditorium at Kansas City during the convention session on the afternoon of October 11. Each degree winner will receive a certificate and gold key from the F.F.A. organization, and a \$25 check from the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.

Attainment of the American Farmer degree is based on the Future Farmer's record in farming, leadership and scholarship. The degree is limited to F.F.A. members who have been out of high school at least one year and who are showing evidence of becoming successfully established in farming. State Associations of F.F.A. are limited to one American Farmer degree candidate for each 1,000 members or major fraction thereof, except that States having fewer than a thousand members are entitled to submit one candidate each year.

Four of the 237 American Farmers this year will be designated Regional Star Farmers and one of the four will be named Star Farmer of America. Announcement of Star Farmer awards will be made during the night session of the convention on October 11.



Pictured above is Walter Shaw of the Tanner Chapter with his Angus calf that won the reserve championship at the Birmingham Show this spring.

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NICK LINDSAY

Alabama Past President Visits Europe

Nick Lindsay, Orrville, Alabama, past president, Alabama Association, Future Farmers of America, sailed Wednesday, June 22 from New York for a two-months visit to Great Britain.

Nick was one of four FFA members from the U. S. selected to make the trip. These four young men were to represent the Future Farmers of America and were

to be guests of the National Federation of Young Farmer's Clubs of Great Britain.

The group landed in Plymouth on July 1 and spent their first three days in Britain visiting the famous Royal Agricultural Show at Shrewsburg.

One of the youths, Bill Carlin of Coatesville, Pa., received the F.F.A.'s top honor in 1947 when he was named winner of the Star Farmer of America award. Two others, Joseph E. Epsey of Maryville, Mo., and Eugene Hansen of East Garland, Utah, are former national F.F.A. officers. The fourth, Nick Lindsay of Orrville, Ala., is the retiring state F.F.A. president in Alabama.

A letter from Nick dated July 6th is as follows:

"We landed in Plymouth on Friday, July 1st. We had a very nice trip all the way however the weather was bad at times while we were on the sea but it didn't amount to much. We went to London Friday night and stayed there until Tuesday afternoon and really had a good time while there. We were entertained and taken around to different places all the time we were there.

"We left London Tuesday afternoon and came into Shrewsburg and were met by the Firestone people and taken to dinner. The Firestone people have done a lot for us since I left home. They entertained us in New York, met us at the train, took us to our hotel and then to their program "Voice of Firestone." After

that program was over they took us through the RCA building and then to dinner at the "Diamond Horseshoe." Then when we came to Plymouth they met us at the boat and took us to London and gave us supper there. They also met us when we arrived in Shrewsburg and took us to dinner. All day today they have had someone to show us around at the Royal Show. I think we owe them a lot of recognition.

"I think the four of us will be together all the time we are over here. We are leaving Shrewsburg Friday and going to Wales. We will be in Wales about three weeks then will return to England. On the 5th of August we are going to Paris for three days."

Another letter dated August 10th states:

"It will soon be time to start home now and it seems like I just arrived only a few days ago. This has really been a wonderful summer for me.

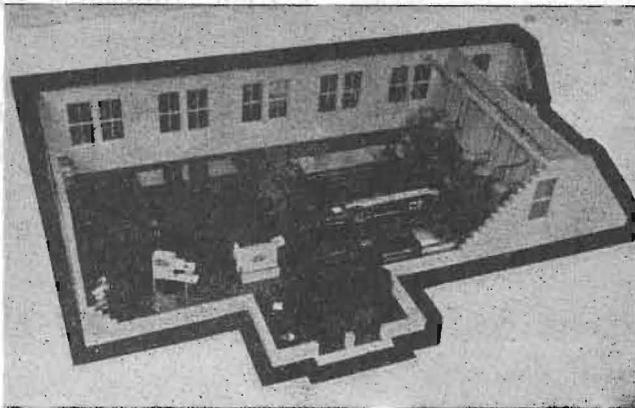
"I just got back from Paris Monday afternoon. I sure had a wonderful time there."



Dean Zebulon Judd welcomes Alabama Future Farmers to Auburn for their 20th Annual Convention.

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BEATRICE, Lloyd Turberville. BEAUREGARD, James Marion Thompson, Jr., James Heflin Knight. BILLINGSLEY, Gilbert Green. BLUE SPRINGS, Hanson Walker, Roland Thorne, Cecil Reeder, Reginald Parr.

CAMDEN, Roy Dailey. CAMP HILL, William Ragsdale, Jr. CARROLLTON, Gilbert Perrigin. CENTERVILLE, Gordon Hicks. CENTRAL, Charles A. Quillen. CHATOM, Homer Lee Stoker. CITRONELLE, Marvin Blankinchip. COLUMBIA, Charles Culbreth. COLUMBIANA, Kelly Stone. CORNER, Kenneth Allums. CROSSVILLE, Fred E. Perry, Dennis S. Henry, Edwin Carr. CULLMAN, J. C. Needham, Lindon Speegle, Dale Calvert, Ollis Livingston, Robert Kress, George D. Shedd, George Hartwig, Jr., Willy Burmester, Ollie W. Scott.

ENTERPRISE, Nigel Hurst. EVERGREEN, Hugo Diamond, Coleman G. Reeves, Ben Neese, Joseph Varner, Thomas Coker.

FAIRHOPE, Dick Higbee. FAYETTE, Braxton Hocutt, Erbie Lee Boyd. FLOMATON, Thomas White, Alfred Sanspree. FORT PAYNE, Wilson Culpeper, Clarence Boatwright.

GAYLESVILLE, Boyd Duncan. GEORGEVA, Kellon Price. GEORGIANA, Charles Watson. GLENCOE, Wesley Brown. GREENSBORO, Walter Trippe, Roshell Hollingsworth, Harold McCray. GREENVILLE, Johnny Johnson, Joe Sanders. GUIN, Wayne Berryhill, Carl Chaffin.

HACKLEBURG, James Barrett. HAMILTON, Bobby Wiginton, J. T. Shotts, Bobby Lindsey, Bobby Young, Ralph Sanderson. HATTON, Braxton Craig. HEADLAND, Charles Kirkland, M. W. Espy, Jr. HEFLIN, Glenn Frank Lambert, John Casey, Reed Robinson, James Edwin Perry. HIGHLAND HOME, Clifford DePriest. HOLTVILLE, James Wilburn Brown. HOLLY POND, O'Neal Daniel, Therman Murphree. HUBBERTVILLE, Tolbert Randolph.

JACKSON, Robert L. Brown. JEMISON, Horace Carden, Reece Nichols, Henry Moody, Gene Cost.

KINSTON, Edward Baxley, Edward Wilks, Edward Powell.

LEROY, Sam Moorner, Nap Granade. LIVINGSTON, Hugh Stegall, Vedell Dennis. LOUISVILLE, James A. Baker. LUVERNE, Charles Knox.

McADORY, Curtis Ethridge, Leroy Fox. McKENZIE, Sirmon Wright. MARBURY, Clarence Brown, John Kelley, Gary Culver. MELLOW VALLEY, Owen Nunn, Jack Denham, Troy Kennedy, Buster McLain. MIDLAND CITY, Billie Ray Yoemans, Cecil Godwin, Buddy Hutto. MILLRY, Arnold Lee Chafin, Robert Lewis Gunn. MILLTOWN, William Earle Thomas. MOUNT HOPE, Bill Roberson.

NEW MARKET, Jimmy Giles, Buford Davis. NORTHPORT, Milton Taylor, Douglas Farmer. NOTASULGA, Howard Matheny, Joseph Segrest.

ODENVILLE, Ross Layman, Charles Campbell. OZARK, Billy Baldwin.

PELL CITY, Floyd Alton Goodgame, Hugh Goss, Billy Joe Vardaman, Owen Lee, Harvey Tollison. PHIL CAMPBELL, Cleburn Jones, Marshall Cleveland, Dale Baker.

RAMER, William Gilbert Sellers, Wamac F. Mills, Shelby Paulk, Jack Kirkland, Mahlon S. Paulk. RAWLS, Austin Clark, Joe L. Rawls. RED BAY, Floyd Hughes, Dwight M. Spearman, John C. Bullen, Jr., Homer G. Vinson. REFORM, Jimmy Cooper. RIVERTON, Hoyt McBride, Bobby Green, Billy Ray Patterson. ROBERTSDALE, F. B. Ellison. ROGERSVILLE, Edward Kelly, Hiram Phillips, Robert McCafferty, Alton Romine, Jimmie Dison.

SAMSON, Hulon Roney, Mike Stephenson, Neil Spear, James Wise, Charles Adkison. SAND ROCK, Curtis D. Mackey. SARDIS, Robert Smith. SIDNEY LANIER, Roger Hardwick, Ernest Hawk, Jimmy Truitt, William Faulkner. SILAS, Roger Carlisle. SLOCOMB, Hugo Phillips. SMITH STATION, Joseph Crook. SOUTHSIDE, Robert Fuhrman. STEVENSON, Jimmy Caperton, Jack Wann. STRAUGHN, William Jordan. SULLIGENT, Charles T. Gilmer. SUSAN MOORE, Duane Byrum, Donald Jackson. SUTTLE, Sam Colburn, Jr. SWEET WATER, Albert W. Compton, Jr.

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Winners of the 1948-49 Rural Life Contest, sponsored by SOUTHERN AGRICULTURIST are pictured at a luncheon given in their honor at the Senate Dining Room, by Senator Estes Kefauver, of Tennessee.

Left to right: Senator John Sparkman, of Alabama; Buster McLain, Cragford, Ala., 1st prize winner; (standing) Mrs. Milbrey Covert, Editor, Youth Department, SOUTHERN AGRICULTURIST; Senator Lister Hill, Ala.; and Senator Estes Kefauver, Tennessee. Others attending were Senator Clyde Hoey, N. C., Rep. Robert Daughton, N. C.; Miss Blevyn Hathcock, 2nd prize winner, Oakboro, N. C., and Senator Frank Graham, N. C.

Get Ready... Get Set... Go!!!

to the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Mo., October 10-14. Special Trains have been chartered to take care of as many FFA boys as wish to go from Alabama. SOUTHERN AGRICULTURIST is sponsoring a program to assist every chapter in raising funds. Through this program more boys than ever before can go to the convention from the great state of Alabama.

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How can you raise funds to make this trip? We have already sent the adviser of each FFA chapter in Alabama entry blanks with full instructions. Every Alabama chapter that sells subscriptions will receive a generous commission of the gross sales. These commissions are made exclusively to the FFA Chapters.

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Don't put off getting your FFA chapter entered in this campaign; See your adviser and see to it that he has the chapter to enter at once. Don't wait. No entries in the campaign can be made after September 15 and the campaign closes October 3.

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If your chapter hasn't received an entry blank for this campaign, write R. W. Stanley, Southern Agriculturist, Nashville 1, Tenn.

SOUTHERN . . . AGRICULTURIST

Fourth Annual Forestry Camp



JIMMY MARTIN

ALABAMA'S FOURTH ANNUAL Forestry Camp for FFA and 4-H members was held again this year at Camp Grist. FFA members from the Northern half of the state and 4-H members from the Southern half attended. There was one member from each county with a few counties sending two.

According to Dan C. Royal, director of the camp, there were 45 FFA members attending. Calhoun was the only county not represented.

Jimmy Martin, president of the Brookwood chapter, was elected chief forester by those attending the camp and awarded a \$45 wrist watch.

Awards to other FFA members were as follows: Homer Vinson, Red Bay, State FFA Reporter, was elected district forester and awarded a five gallon spray tank. Kelly Stone, Columbiana, was elected camp dispatcher and awarded a one gallon thermos jug. Jack Thompson, Leighton, was elected a district ranger and was awarded a potato rake. James Bishop, Glencoe, was elected a district ranger and awarded a fire flap. Billy Duncan, Arab, was elected a district ranger and awarded a hatchet. Ross Laymon, Odenville, also was elected a district ranger and awarded a hunting knife.

Homer Vinson, Red Bay, made the highest scholastic score and was awarded a travelling kit. His score was 95.

Other FFA members receiving awards as winners in athletic events were as follows: Glenn Jones, Maplesville, was second in swimming and was awarded a baseball. Ross Laymon, Odenville, and John Shannon, Monroe County, were winners of the winning swimming team and were each awarded a baseball cap. Kelly Stone, Columbiana, was third in wood chopping and was awarded a hatchet.

Sam Hobbs of Columbiana was first in wood sawing and was awarded a bow saw. Gresham Waldrop, Fayette, also won third place in wood chopping and was awarded a pruning saw. J. W. Hawkins, Riverton, placed second in archery and was awarded a softball bat. Roy Hill, Lineville, placed third in archery and was awarded a flashlight.

Ernest Carter, Woodland, was the champion ping pong player and was awarded auto floor mats. Judson Pitts, Lincoln, was runner up in ping pong and was awarded an alarm clock. Sanford Lancaster, Stevenson, and Kenneth Kelly, Athens, were the winning pair at horseshoes and received a first aid kit and a "Stag" set. Curtis Hicks, Centerville, won a sport shirt at horseshoes.

W. M. Clements, Auburn, placed third at hog calling and was awarded a softball. James Owens, Heflin, member of the champion basketball team won a flashlight. Argel Green, Athens; Ernest Carter, Woodland; Ernest Hood, Cherokee County, were members of the winning team and were awarded a compass, pocket knife and auto air scoop.

The following were members of the champion tug-of-war team and each was awarded a Camp Grist emblem. Lamar Bryan, Choctaw County; Kenneth Kelly, Athens; Levi George, Falkville; Sanford Lancaster, Stevenson; and Ross Laymon, Odenville.

Coleman Freeman, Cullman County, was the champion rifle shooter and was awarded a marksman diploma and flashlight. Billy Killian, Ft. Payne, placed second in rifle shooting and was awarded a marksman diploma and necktie. James Owens, Heflin, was third in rifle shooting and was awarded a diploma and baseball cap.

The following three members were awarded marksman diplomas: Ross Laymon, Odenville; Levi George, Falkville; and Sanford Lancaster, Stevenson.

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STATE FARMERS

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TANNER, H. L. King, Bernard Thompson, Bill Hill. TANNER-WILLIAMS, Elton Pierce, James Harold Grissett. TUSKEGEE, Wesley Miller, William Morgan.

VALLEY HEAD, Richey Phillips. VERNON, Marion Taggart.

WADLEY, George R. Walker. WALNUT GROVE, Bill Thrasher. WEOGUFKA, Harold White, Fred Camp, Edgar Hodges. WEST POINT, Bobby Wayne Parker, Ferrell Blackwood. WETUMPKA, Keener Hawk, Winford Collier, Reece Colley, Douglas Hall. WHITE PLAINS, James Jones, John Barden, Gary Dothard, Emmett Parker. WINFIELD, Donald Matthews, James Webster.

State FFA Contest Winners

FFA Public Speaking

1. Dow B. Erwin, Glencoe.
2. Bobby Childres, Orrville.
3. Larry Ledlow, Highland Home.
4. Wayne Hodge, Reform.

FFA Quartet Contest

1. Sidney Lanier Chapter.
2. Arab Chapter.
3. Vernon Chapter.
4. Greensboro Chapter.

FFA Chapter Contest

State Winner — Riverton
S. E. District Winner — Sidney Lanier
S. W. District Winner — Livingston
C. District Winner — Beauregard
N. W. District — Rogersville
Next 5 Honorable Mention
Pell City
Greenville
Montevallo
Ashland
Greensboro

Star Farmers of FFA

State Star Farmer — Albert W. Compton, Jr. — Sweet Water
S. E. District Star Farmer — William Faulkner — Sidney Lanier
N. E. District Star Farmer — Ollie W. Scott — Cullman.
N. W. District Star Farmer — Bill Roberson — Mount Hope
C. District Star Farmer — James H. Knight — Beauregard

FFA Star Dairy Farmers

1. Dumas Bailey, Pell City Chapter
2. Davis Henry, Sidney Lanier Chapter
3. Earl Gullatte, Beauregard Chapter
4. Byron Collier, Wetumpka Chapter

Soil and Water Management Award

State Winner — Willie Carroll — Pell City

Farm Mechanics Award

State Winner — Kent Davis — Straughn
S. W. District — Allen Edson — Evergreen

N. E. District — Hugh Goss — Pell City

Farm and Home Electrification Award

State Winner — Braxton Hocutt — Fayette

N. W. District — Morris W. Gray — Carrolton

N. E. District — Raymond Hardy — Pell City

C. District — Morris Alred — Lincoln

S. W. District — Bill Aydelotte — Flo-maton

S. E. District — Fred Stephens — Sidney Lanier

Forestry Awards

1. Billie Joe Vardaman, Pell City Chapter
2. Owen Nunn, Mellow Valley Chapter
3. Charles Carpenter, Chatom Chapter
4. Edward McDaniel, Straughn Chapter

Home Improvement Awards

1. Jimmy Bagwell, Corner Chapter Adviser, W. J. Thompson
- N. E. District, Tommy Morton, Pell City Chapter
- C. District, Harry Lazenby, Beauregard Chapter

S. W. District, Robert Strickler, Tanner-Williams Chapter
S. E. District — No entry

Star FFA Reporter

Owen Lee, Pell City Chapter

Beef Cattle Judging Winners

1. Riverton
2. Red Bay
3. Sidney Lanier
4. Prattville

Dairy Cattle Judging Winners

1. Jemison
2. Sidney Lanier
3. Northport
4. Albertville

String Band Contest

1. Cullman
2. Hatton
3. Straughn
4. Phil Campbell

Parliamentary Procedure Contest

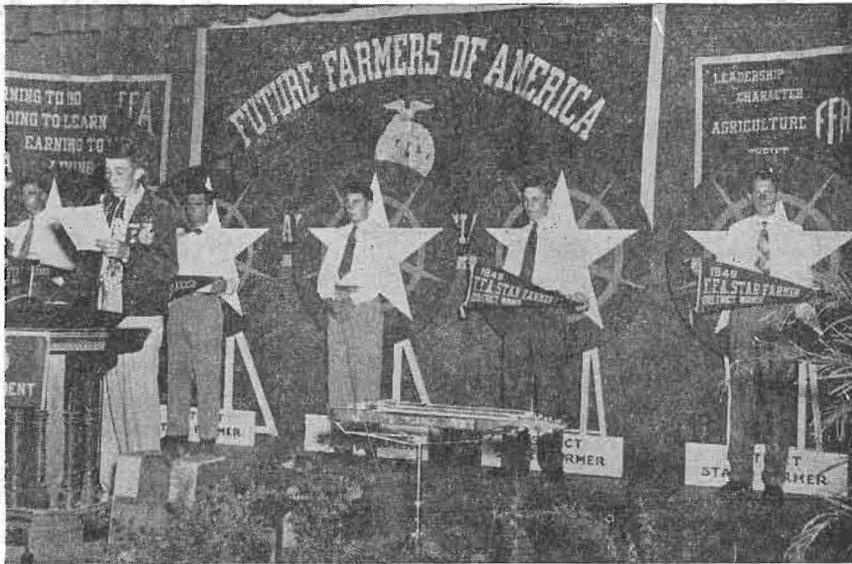
1. Riverton
2. Arab
3. Kinston
4. Jemison

Radio Program Contest

1. Cullman
2. Straughn
3. Pell City
4. Baker Hill



Pictured at left above is Gene Barksdale, member of the Sardis Chapter and his adviser, J. L. Jones. Gene's calf in picture was the Grand Champion at the Gadsden show this spring.



Pictured above are the outstanding FFA members who received the Star Farmer awards during the state convention. In the picture from left to right is James Knight, Beauregard Chapter, who received a District Star Farmer award. Standing in the front and presiding is Nick Lindsay, president. Next is William Faulkner, Sidney Lanier Chapter, who received a District Star Farmer award. Center, is Albert Compton, Jr., Sweet Water, who was elected State Star Farmer. Next is Bill Roberson, Mt. Hope, a District Star Farmer and Ollie W. Scott, Cullman also a District Star Farmer.

Briefs On Star Farmers

STATE STAR FARMER

Albert W. Compton, Jr. (17), son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Compton, entered vocational agriculture as a Jr. III at Sweet Water High School in September 1946. He became a Green Hand in November 1946 and received his Chapter Farmer degree in November 1947. Albert has just completed his third year of vocational agriculture. He has been active in FFA, school, and community activities. The first year he was on the social committee and entered the speaking contest. He was also president of the Jr. III class. Albert was secretary of his chapter the second year; went to the quarter final in the speaking contest; was vice-president of the Sr. I class and became a member of the Beta Club. His third year he was president of the Beta Club in the school; secretary of the Beta Club in the county; ran for president of the State Beta Club; captain of football team for 1949; member of the Student Council and is attending Boys' State this year.

Albert's projects for the first year were 4 cows and 4 acres of cotton. His second year projects were 20 acres of oats, 20 acres of kudzu, 15 acres of sericea, 5 acres of corn and 7 cows. His projects for this year, which are now in operation are: 13 fat steers, 2 purebred Hereford bulls, 2 purebred Hereford cows, 33 acres of oats, 20 acres of kudzu, 7 acres of corn, 3 acres of Crimson Clover, 10 acres of hegari, 8 acres of soy bean

hay and 15 acres of sericea. Albert has worked very closely with Mr. Pittman, his adviser, for the past three years and his projects have netted him \$1,312.00.

N. E. DISTRICT STAR FARMER

Ollie W. Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Scott, of Vinemont Route 2, entered vocational agriculture at the Cullman High School as a senior I in August 1946.

Ollie was awarded the degree of Chapter Farmer November 15, 1947. He is now in his third year of agriculture. During these three years he has shown an outstanding record of leadership in FFA, school and community activities.

During his first year in agriculture he served as local reporter; chairman of program committee; entered public speaking contest; was chairman of the finance committee of Sophomore class; BYPU leader in church and also helped to improve county roads.

During his second year he served as chapter secretary; chairman of banquet committee and encouraged entries in the 100 bushel corn club.

In his present year of agriculture, Ollie is chapter FFA president; county FFA president; Best Citizenship Boy at school; BYPU leader, and is encouraging modern farming practices in his community.

Ollie has also carried out a well-rounded and well-balanced supervised farming program. By checking through his records you can readily see that he has made some very outstanding accomplishments as a young farmer.

During the time Ollie has been en-

rolled in vocational agriculture he has completed several very good productive projects such as dairy calves, cotton, oats, corn, hay, and hegari. From his first and second years Ollie has netted a grand total of \$881.34 from his projects. Ollie now owns 1 dairy cow valued at \$200.00 and 25 pullets valued at \$30.00. He is further showing his ability as a young farmer by planning his projects for the first year he is out of school. Ollie has at all times worked in close connection with his adviser Mr. J. D. Hardaman.

N. W. DISTRICT STAR FARMER

Bill Roberson, age 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Roberson of Mt. Hope, Alabama entered vocational agriculture in August 1946 as a Jr. III. Bill became a Green Hand in 1946, a Chapter Farmer in September 1947 and this year completed his 3rd year of agriculture. He has shown an interest in FFA all of the three years with his activities expanding each year.

Bill started FFA work off as a representative to the State Forestry Camp. The second year he was elected to office of Treasurer of his chapter and served as chairman of the budget committee. The third year he became president of Mt. Hope chapter and was a delegate to the State Convention of 1948. Bill has also taken his place in all school and community activities and has served well. His supervised farming program has shown an increase each year.

The first year projects of 23 sheep and 2 beef calves changed to 5 acres of corn, 2 beef calves and 12 sheep the second year. The past year has been his most successful with 52 sheep, 2 beef calves, 3 beef cows, 5 acres of corn and 1 hive of bees. These projects brought him a grand total of \$2,303.76. Bill owes much of his success to Mr. J. R. Hawkins, his adviser, who has worked closely with him.

C. DISTRICT STAR FARMER

James Heflin Knight, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Knight, Beauregard, entered vocational agriculture as a Jr. III at Beauregard High School in September of 1945. He received his Green Hand degree in October 1945 and became a Chapter Farmer in October 1947. James completed his third year of vocational agriculture at Beauregard High School this year. James took over the farm last year and with the help of one colored man worked the farm of 88 acres while going to school.

James is outstanding in both FFA and school work. His activities the first year were limited to the finance committee and the school basketball team. During

1946 vocational agriculture was discontinued at Bearegard due to the war and lack of a teacher. However, the FFA was still active and James was on the membership committee. In 1948 James was vice-president of the chapter, chairman of the program committee, captain of FFA basketball team, and a member of the FFA pig chain. This year he was president of his local chapter, reporter Lee County FFA, member of softball and basketball teams, and participated in the public speaking contest winning 2d place in the chapter. In addition James has shown outstanding work in his community. His projects the first year consisted of 1 pig on 5 acres of corn. The second year 2 pigs and 5 acres of corn. Last year after acquiring management of the farm, James had 4 acres oats, 5 acres corn, 11 pigs, 1 brood sow, 100 chickens and 33 acres of cotton. James' farming program in operation this year consists of 20 acres of corn, 10 acres cotton, 2 beef calves, 13 pigs, 2 brood sows and 6 acres of hay.

From his first 3 years of farming James has made a net profit of \$2,254.86. He is worth as a farmer \$1,077.50. James has worked very closely with his adviser, Mr. T. W. Gandy, during the 2 years Mr. Gandy has been at Bearegard.

S. E. DISTRICT STAR FARMER

William Faulkner, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Faulkner of Montgomery County, entered vocational agriculture as a Sr. 1 at Sidney Lanier High School in September 1945. He received his Chapter Farmer degree in October 1946. He was a member of the entertainment committee 3 years and the recreation committee 2 years. He was also a member of the dairy judging team and the quartet 2 years.

In his 3 years of supervised farming he carried out the following projects: beef calf, turnips, dairy cows, chickens, turkeys, ducks, corn, and hogs. His total profit from these projects was \$712.33.

He now owns 3 dairy cows, 2 purebred heifers, 2 show calves, 2 beef calves, and 80 acres of clover pasture. These are valued at \$2050.00. Of this amount he owes \$835.00. His net worth as a farmer is \$1215.00.

William is now managing a dairy farm for his father. His plans are to enlarge his own dairy projects and take up dairy farming as an occupation for himself.

William has had as his advisers H. I. Delony and E. P. Geiger.

NOW IS THE TIME

1. Plan your local activity program.
2. Appoint a committee to be responsible for each activity.
3. Appoint every member on a committee.
4. Start working now on FFA contests.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

While Alabama's Future Farmers are gathered here for their twentieth annual convention it is fitting that we pause to pay tribute to this forward looking organization of rural youth.

Developing as a part of the Vocational Agriculture program, the Future Farmers of America has probably contributed more rural leaders than any other organization. The aim of the FFA might be summed up as a better life for farm people.

The program for the convention now in session carries the FFA motto: "Learning to do; doing to learn; earning to live; living to serve." To the good Future Farmer this motto is not far-fetched idealism but a daily guide for chapter activities, classroom study, and home-life on the farm.

At the convention here there are 1000 Future Farmers and advisors representing the State's 10,000 FFA members and practically every small community and town in the state. With such an impressive group of Alabama's farm citizens of tomorrow preparing for a life of leadership, we can look forward with increased hope to the State's future agricultural progress.

(Editorial in Lee County Bulletin the week of our FFA Convention.)



Above is Conrad Henderson, past president of the Greenville Chapter being presented with a cup for being selected the best all-around FFA member. K. V. Reagan, adviser, presents the cup.

Encourage every member to enter one or more state-sponsored FFA contests.



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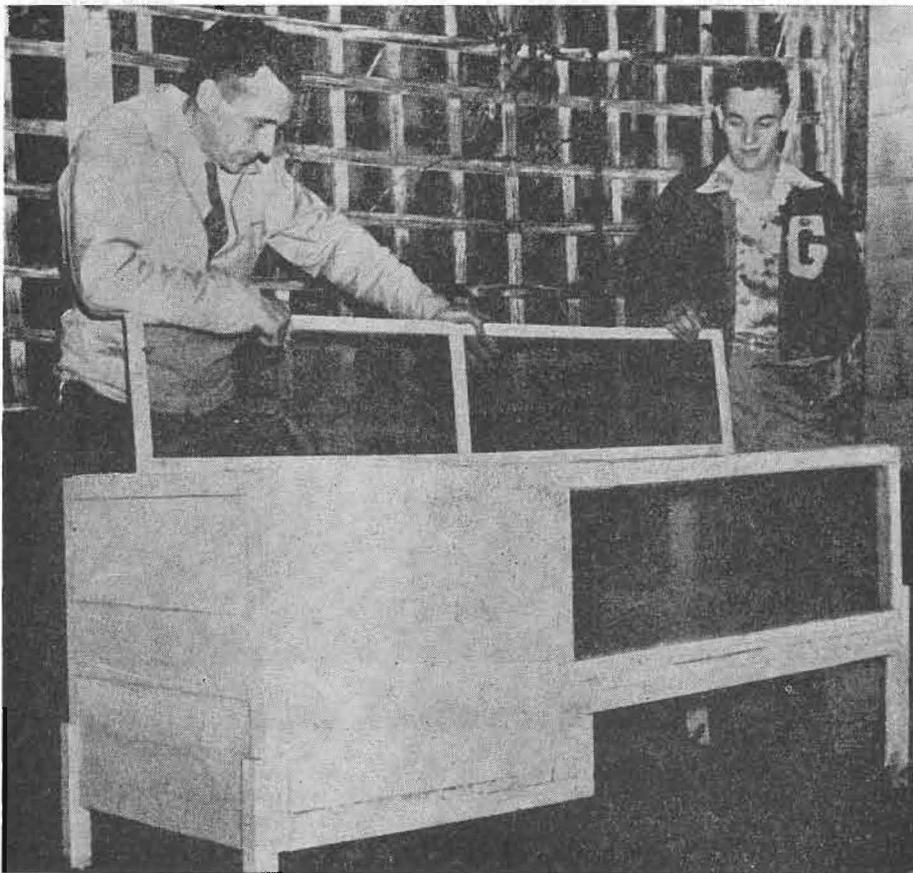
Pictured above are the FFA members who attended the annual banquet in Alexander City honoring the winners in the Junior Dairymen Program. Several FFA advisers are also in the picture. Some of the members who participated in the Junior Dairymen Program were not present for the banquet.

It is expected that a much larger number of members will participate in the program next year. Rules and regulations have been mailed recently to all FFA advisers. Any adviser needing additional rules and regulations should write to his district supervisor for them.



This is a year of opportunity for FFA members everywhere. Local chapter activity programs are being planned. Every member should take advantage of the opportunities offered in FFA.

Remember that you must put something into it if you expect something in return.



Pictured above at right is Sammy Yeager, member of the Greensboro Chapter and left his adviser, Arthur Prince. Sammy had just completed a new cricket brooder, also shown in the picture. Raising crickets is one of his hobbies as well as being a profitable project. He raises crickets and sells them to fishermen.

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STATE PRESIDENT TO SPEAK

Elton Pierce, president Alabama FFA Association, has been invited to appear on program of the State 4-H Club meeting in Auburn Friday, September 2nd.

He has also been invited to speak at the State Farm Bureau meeting in Auburn Friday, September 9th.

CHAPTER NEWS

ASHLAND added 12 new books to library and purchased 47 film strips to be used in class work. Twenty FFA members, advisers, and 14 friends of the chapter members spent five days at Camp Hellen near Panama City, Florida. The boys enjoyed swimming, boat riding and fishing. One day's deep sea fishing with the entire group on a chartered boat netted a catch of over 600 pounds.

BEAUREGARD chapter had eight members and adviser to attend the FFA convention in Auburn. James Knight won district prize in Star Farmer Contest; Earl Gullatte won 3rd place in Star Dairy Farmer Contest; Harry Lazenby won district prize in Home Improvement Contest and chapter won district prize in Chapter Contest. Sears Roebuck gilt farrowed 9 pigs, 5 gilts and 4 boars; four gilts placed with chapter members to start a new pig chain; chapter had an ice cream supper and 25 FFA members made trip to Washington, D.C. **BEULAH** had watermelon cutting and had six members who made trip to Gulf Coast. **BILLINGSLEY** delegates attended state convention at Auburn; one member made State Farmer and three members bought feeder calves to be shown in fat stock show. **BLOUNTSVILLE** held annual weiner roast for all Jr. III agriculture boys and Jr. III home economics girls, 100 present; studied opening and closing ceremony; made drive to get all boys in Jr. III agriculture in FFA; president and vice-president attended state convention as delegates; and made plans to sell drinks at ball games. **BRANTLEY** adviser and two delegates attended State FFA Convention in Auburn; secured and placed 8 O.I.C. gilts and boars; placed 3 Duroc gilts from Sears Roebuck sow; purchased a 16 mm. motion picture machine in cooperation with the school; made trip to Florida and went deep sea fishing; held summer meetings; sent a representative to the State Forestry Camp and made plans for a fat hog show in cooperation with other chapters.

CARROLLTON held two group tours; held officers training school; bought farm power sprayer and sprayed town with DDT; entered livestock in local shows and made a fishing trip and tour to the Tennessee Valley. **CITRONELLE** held officer's training school. **COFFEEVILLE** members attended State FFA Convention; made plans for fishing trip to Gulf of Mexico and held one meeting. Seven members trying for 100 bushel corn club. **COTACO** quartet has been active all the summer; chapter members buying beef calves for next year's fat calf show; entered judging team at convention. **EAST BREWTON** held officer training school. **ELBA** made tour to Experiment Station in Au-

burn; held officer training school; making plans to enter hog show and adding \$25 worth of books to library. **ENTERPRISE** held FFA annual chicken barbecue and had six boys to attend State FFA Convention in Auburn.

FAYETTE made trip to Gulf Coast and Panama City, Florida; several members will show Dairy animals in district show at Fayette; had two State Farmers, two delegates, and State Home Electrification winner at Auburn for FFA convention. **FLORALA** held two summer meetings; sent two delegates to FFA convention and planning exhibit for state fair.

HARTSELLE FFA boys took one week educational tour through Mississippi, Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky and Tennessee. On the trip they visited Carnation Milk Plant at Tupelo, Mississippi; International Harvester Plant at Memphis, Tennessee. In Kentucky they visited The Ancient Buried City, Kentucky Lake and Mammoth Cave. Twenty-nine FFA members and adviser made the trip the first week in August. **HOLTVILLE** five members attended FFA convention with adviser; entered dairy and beef judging contest; Sears Roebuck gilt

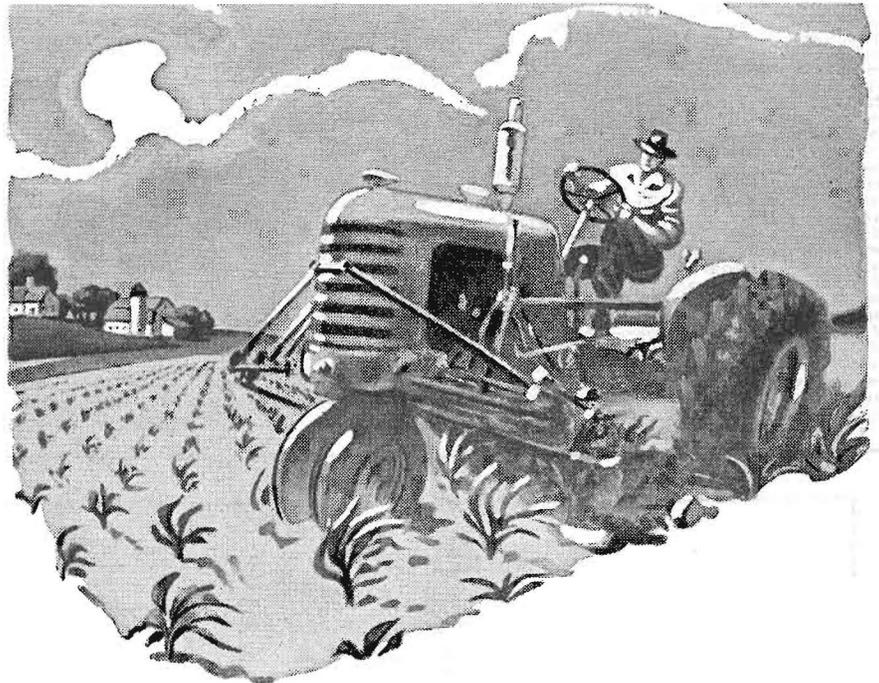
farrowed 10 pigs; chapter purchased mower attachment for tractor; helped establish milk route and to hold officer training school.

JEMISON eleven members attended FFA Convention in Auburn; entered Dairy Judging Contest and won 1st place; entered Parliamentary Procedure Contest and won 4th prize; making plans for judging team to attend National Contest in Waterloo, Iowa and made plans for all-day officer's meeting.

KINSTON chapter won third place in Parliamentary Procedure Contest at State Convention and made educational tour to California.

LEROY had two delegates, two applicants for state farmers degree and candidate for state officer attend the state convention; officers met and discussed plans for FFA work in 1949-50; discussed beef and dairy calf show and made plans for securing calves and made plans for holding officers training school. **LXINGTON** seventeen members and adviser completed summer tour to Mobile, Gulf State Park, Pensacola, Panama City, Montgomery, Birmingham

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ham, Cullman and Decatur. Attended the State Convention in Auburn, two men were awarded Honorary State Farmer Degrees; working on activity program; two members made speeches at PTA on State Convention and summer tour; initiated fifteen members for Green Hands, and plan to initiate thirty-seven more; 100% agriculture boys members of FFA; planning a pig chain and member of chapter represented Lauderdale County FFA Chapters at the Annual Forestry Camp at Selma.

MARION members building FFA mail box posts; added dark screens to windows for motion picture room; organized string band. MILLERVILLE started pig chain, placed 5 purebred Duroc gilts with members; planted one acre of corn, plan to use the corn to feed out some hogs this fall; made an FFA summer tour to Panama City, Florida; 30 members made the trip, and painted the classroom. MILLTOWN held joint social with FHA; held special meeting for officers; committee attended Electric Fair; officers and adviser attended State Convention, and arrangements made to send delegate to National Convention. MONTEVALLO secured a registered O.I.C. boar for \$38.74; planned recreational meetings; judging team and delegates attended state convention; secured registered gilt, making total of 18 at present; planned livestock breeding program and revising activity program for 1949-50.

NEW HOPE FFA boys bred gilt for pig chain which is due to farrow the first of October.

ONEONTA planned trip to Florida; held father-son chicken fry, State FFA Secretary attended and made a fine speech; all members entering one or more of the FFA contests; plans were made to organize string band, have purchased instruments; held project tour and district FFA is functioning and has two new chapters, Cleveland and Locust Fork. OPP two delegates attended State Convention; planned officer training school; planned fat hog show to be held in cooperation with other FFA chapters in Covington County and 4-H Club and planned all-breed purebred hog show and sale for Southeast Alabama FFA and veteran trainees. ORRVILLE FFA chapter had seven members to attend the State Convention and chapter made trip to Florida.

PAINT ROCK VALLEY FFA members made trip to Monte Sano State Park. PINE APPLE had exhibit and demonstration of wiring at District Electric Fair; bought a jig saw and a few new hand tools and painted classroom. PRATTVILLE FFA boys attended FFA Convention; beef cattle judging team won 4th place in state; held summer FFA meeting once each month during summer; held a one day picnic at Bridge Creek Fishing Club, and making plans to sell calendars to raise FFA chapter funds.

RAMER chapter officers met and outlined a program of work which will be presented at the next regular meeting. REELTOWN held one social meeting and one officer meeting; made trip to Smoky Mountains and back by Lookout Mountain and FFA quartet practicing occasionally. RIVERTON held officer training school; held three meetings; purchased new Royal typewriter for department; six members attended State Convention; paid expenses of representative attending State Forestry Camp at Camp Grist; had chicken supper; initiated 23 Green Hands and groomed Sears Roebuck bull. ROGERSVILLE six members and adviser attended State Convention; five members received State Farmer Degrees; chapter has 12 gilts in the pig chain; ordered complete FFA paraphernalia; officers are holding a training school twice monthly; bought twenty official manuals and twenty parliamentary procedure books for FFA library, and Rogersville Bank is giving \$50 to the FFA member that produces the largest amount of corn per acre.

SAND ROCK sent two delegates and one State Farmer to Convention; erected eight forest fire signs; placed five purebred gilts; and sent representative to State Forestry Camp. STRAUGHN twelve members and adviser attended State Convention; Kent Davis won 1st place in Farm Mechanics Contest; Edward McDaniel placed 4th in State Forestry Contest; Billy Jordan awarded State Farmer Degree; string band placed 3rd and 2nd in radio program contest. String band and comedy act and Negro sermon made good showing on State FFA-FHA Talent Night program at State Convention. String band played for Annual Farm Bureau Rally in the new coliseum, Andalusia, Alabama, June 13, and made personal appearance for Federal Land Bank Farmers Day in Andalusia Coliseum, June 22. Planned officers

training school; Edward McDaniel attended out-of-state Forestry Camp near Raleigh, N. C., August 14-21; string band received invitation to play for State Farm Bureau Convention in Auburn, September 7-9. SULLIGENT FFA boys attended State Convention; held Sears Roebuck bull district meeting; sent James Carden to Forestry Camp; Charles Gilmer represented FFA at speaker's platform at Birmingham News-Age Herald Barbecue for county fat calf winners; bought 5 calves for next year's fat calf show; published 5 news articles and bought supplies for FFA store. SUSAN MOORE members purchased 10 calves for show; one boy attended Forestry Camp; four boys attended State Convention; holding officers training school; adding 30 new books to FFA library; all members building FFA mail box posts; fifty-six boys made a tour to Crossville Experiment Station; each boy made and posted a sign on his project indicating it was an FFA project; ten members entered the "100 Bushel Corn Club," and two members purchased purebred Jerseys. SUTTLE nineteen members and adviser made four-day trip to Gulf Coast, spent one day deep sea fishing, and chapter officers to have leadership training school. SWEET WATER one member received State Star Farmer Award at State Convention.

TANNER added four pigs to pig chain; members bought 10 beef calves; attended State Convention and entertained Bremen, Ohio FFA. TUSKEGEE Sears Roebuck sow farrowed 9 pigs, made arrangements for placing gilts; made annual FFA tour; went to Baldwin County and visited Mobile, Fairhope, and Gulf Shores, spent one week on the trip. Bought new registered Hereford bull.

WATERLOO initiated 14 Green Hands; had FFA and FHA social and started plans for chapter exhibit at the North Alabama State Fair. WETUMPKA placed two purebred gilts in pig chain; awarded purebred gilt to Winford Collier for best garden; had fish fry; paid \$50 on pea sheller and ordered manuals, secretary's book and treasurer's book.

YORK held two officer training meetings; planned three-day camping trip with FHA Club for third week in August; purchased new books for FFA library; made plans for landscaping new agriculture building and new high school; plan to give at least one radio program a month during 1949-50 school term, and planned to enter six FFA chapter contests.

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